

# The Stikeen River Journal.

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Booming Times are Ahead for  
This Place.

#### THE FACTS CLEARLY STATED

A Fine Description of the Re-  
sources of Fort Wrangel  
and Stikeen Country

Tacoma, News, March 19, 1898.

Much attention will, during the next  
few months, be centered upon Wrangel,  
where there is likely to be built up im-  
mediately a thriving and populous  
town. Wrangel is the entrepot for the  
Stikeen river, and the Stikeen will be  
a scene of very great activity during  
the present summer. Two companies  
contemplate building railways from  
Glenora, a point 150 miles up the river,  
and in Canadian territory. One of  
these is the Cassiar Central railway  
company, the promoters of which are  
men who have made their fortunes in  
the South African gold fields. They  
are chartered by the government of  
British Columbia for the purpose of  
constructing from Glenora to Dease  
lake, a distance of 75 miles, receiving  
as a bonus from the province a 35-year  
lease of 750,000 acres in the Cassiar dis-  
trict, the lease conveying to them cer-  
tain valuable concessions in regard to  
mining. The other concern is the com-  
pany organized by Messrs. Mackenzie  
& Mann, two well known Canadian cap-  
italists of very large means and great  
experience in railway construction.  
This company is seeking a charter from  
the Canadian parliament for the con-  
struction of a railway from Glenora to  
Teslin lake, the head of the Hoota-  
lingua, one of the tributaries of the  
Yukon. This line will be about 150  
miles long, and the terms of the con-  
tract with the Dominion government  
require it to be ready for transporting  
goods to the lake by September 1. The  
road is not to be fully completed until  
sometime next year.

Teslin lake and the Hootalingua  
river combined furnish the finest water-  
way in the whole Yukon country. The  
streams flowing into them and the bars  
in the river are gold bearing. The  
distance from the head of the lake to  
the junction of the Hootalingua river  
with the Lewis river is 230 miles, and  
the country along the route has only  
been superficially prospected in a few  
places, but with excellent results. The  
trail from the Stikeen river to Lake  
Teslin is easy, and there is a good deal  
of fodder for pack animals on the way.  
Both the Dominion and provincial gov-  
ernments are pledged to such improve-  
ments upon it as will make it fully  
available for all who care to use it until  
the railway is ready for traffic. Those  
who know the country well, say that  
between the opening of the river for  
navigation and the first week in June,  
that is to say, during a period of from  
four to six weeks, the country traversed  
by the trail remains frozen so that  
pack trains can make splendid progress.  
There is a summit to cross near the  
Stikeen river, but for the rest of the  
distance the country is comparatively  
level. There is no dangerous ground  
on the journey.

The construction of the railways  
above mentioned and the tide of Yukon  
which will select this route will  
give employment to a great fleet of  
river steamers, and several companies  
have been organized and are making  
preparations for the season's work.  
Two of these, the Canadian Pacific  
railway and the Klondike mining,  
trading and transport corporation, will  
operate ocean steamers in connection  
with their river lines. The last men-  
tioned company has already its fine steel  
screw steamer Amur, plying between  
Victoria and all northern points. This  
steamer is especially adapted for the  
trade, being roomy, well ventilated,  
speedy, and in every sense of the word  
a handy ship.

The Canadian ocean steamers are on  
the way out from London. They are  
two in number and are very large ves-  
sels. They will take the outside route  
to the north, that is, they will  
keep outside of Vancouver island  
and the archipelago. The Klondike  
corporation already has the Louise in  
commission at Wrangel, where she has  
been engaged in ferrying between that  
town and the ice on the Stikeen. As  
soon as the river opens she will be sent  
up to Glenora, and thus will probably  
be the first to ascend the river this  
year. This corporation is building two  
first-class river steamers for the Stikeen  
and they are to be ready for work  
by the first of May. The Canadian  
Pacific is building 16 river steamers  
and will need them all to handle the  
freight and passengers taken north on  
their great ocean steamships.

Maitland and Kersey, formerly of the  
White Star steamship line, are man-  
aging a syndicate in which a number of  
well known capitalists are interested,

and are having built four steamers for  
the river.

The Hudson Bay company are build-  
ing two or more steamers; the Cassiar  
Central railway company has purchased  
the Elwood for use on the river, and  
there are several steamers under con-  
struction on the Sound for the same  
service. In all there will be about 25  
steamers plying upon the Stikeen this  
coming season, and every passenger and  
every pound of freight which they will  
handle must be landed at Wrangel.  
Some of the steamboat managers hope  
to save time by not bringing their  
steamers out of the river, in which  
event Stikeen island (or Cottonwood  
island, as it is sometimes called), in the  
river mouth, will be a point of great  
importance. Owing to the extensive  
tide flats at the mouth of the river  
steamers must wait until the tide suits,  
and this will cause delay, so that it will  
probably be found most convenient to  
establish an extensive system of ferries  
between Wrangel and Stikeen island, a  
distance of seven miles. Passengers  
and freight will be taken over on the  
ferry to the island, and be there loaded  
on the river steamers. It is thought  
that the time saved in this way will  
more than compensate for the expense  
of the second handling of the goods. It  
is not a matter of surprise that the  
people of Wrangel expect to see their  
town grow very rapidly and another  
town built on Stikeen island.

#### ABOUT FORT WRANGEL

What is Being Done in Religious  
Work.

Fort Wrangel Northern Light, April, 1898.

An enlargement of our missionary  
work began last November, when, after  
the meeting of the synod in Juneau,  
Mr. A. Stark accompanied me on my  
return here. He came particularly to  
help in the special services during the  
week of prayer for men. A hall was  
secured on the front street and a gospel  
meeting held every evening, preceded  
by singing on the street. The week  
after, another series of meetings follow-  
ed, more for natives, and held in the  
Christian Endeavor House, which is  
near the centre of the native settle-  
ment. Several Christian men, includ-  
ing Mr. F. P. Loomis, Mr. S. R. Moon  
and Rev. M. D. McClelland, took part  
in carrying on these services.

From that time forward to the pre-  
sent, there has been a gradual increase  
in the number of Christian people  
coming to this place and in the atten-  
dance of others on the regular services.  
The men's meeting, on Sabbath after-  
noon, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms has been  
steadily growing in interest. Natives  
and whites both attend and take a part  
in the services. Sometimes two or  
three languages, besides English, will  
be heard in prayer or testimony. For  
some weeks past, the young men's  
rooms have been open every evening  
and they are more and more generally  
attended by boys and men. A social  
meeting every Thursday evening, to  
which ladies are also invited, and at  
which some literary exercises and light  
refreshments are provided, is one of  
the attractions, and is highly appreci-  
ated. A Bible lesson is studied at the  
rooms every Monday evening, and  
many other privileges are enjoyed.  
The General Secretary, Mr. W. H.  
Porter, is an active and faithful worker  
and is very popular among both natives  
and whites. His services are all per-  
formed gratuitously. Mr. Loyal Young,  
the President of the Association, is a  
nephew of the Rev. S. Hall Young, the  
first minister here. The membership  
of Christian young men and associates  
is constantly increasing.

The Christian Endeavor Society held  
their first social for this year on Thurs-  
day evening, February 3rd. The meet-  
ing room at the church was carpeted  
with rugs, and the walls adorned with  
a flag and several oil paintings borrow-  
ed for the occasion. Tables, lamps and  
chairs were also loaned by friends of  
the society, so that the room presented  
a drawing room appearance and was  
quite cheerful. The night of the social  
was stormy, but there were two dozen  
ladies and gentlemen who gathered for  
a very pleasant evening. Games were  
played and there was a brief program  
of readings and singing. A simple col-  
lation of cake and lemonade was served  
and several gentlemen responded to the  
toasts, "Our Society," Fort Wrangel,  
present and future," "The Ladies,"  
"The Young Men's Christian Associa-  
tion," "Business" and "Pleasure,"  
after which the president of the society  
made a few remarks and the company  
was dismissed with prayer and the  
hymn "Blest be the tie which binds."  
Mrs. C. Thwing, the minister's wife, is  
president of the society; Mr. Fred.  
Sepp, vice-president; Mr. A. Stark,  
treasurer; Miss A. R. Kelsey, corre-  
sponding secretary and Rev. C. Thwing  
recorder.

The church collections during 1897  
amounted to \$25.50, and donations from

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### THE STIKEEN RIVER TRAIL

Practical Advice From One Who  
Was There.

#### A FAIR ACCOUNT OF THINGS

As Found on the River Last Month  
Better Conditions Exist  
Now for Traveling.

Vancouver World, 18 March 1898.

Two letters, dated March 3rd and 7th  
respectively, have been received from  
a member of the Yerex-Metcalf party  
that left here some time ago for the  
northern gold-fields by way of the Stikeen  
river.

The information conveyed as to the  
state of affairs along this route is very  
interesting. In the first letter the  
writer says that they were camped  
about 15 miles up the river and do not  
intend moving until the Tupper party  
goes ahead and breaks the road as it  
was too large an undertaking for a  
small party.

"At this time and point," the letter  
proceeds, "there is two feet of snow  
and six to eight inches of water on the  
ice. We have broken the road from  
the mouth of the river to here and al-  
most used up our horses and so have  
gone into camp."

"The Tupper party came up here ten  
days ago with 10 teams, but cannot go  
any further just now. They are bring-  
ing up 75 men to break roads ahead of  
the teams, and expect to have to do the  
same for 25 miles. After that it is ex-  
pected that the ice will be much better  
as by that distance we will have passed  
the coast range of mountains."

"Capt. Armstrong is at the mouth of  
the river putting together his two  
steam sleighs, so between them all we  
expect to have a good road. Outside of  
these two firms and Mackenzie & Mann  
there are about 150 horses on the river,  
and at Wrangel about 100 men per day  
are passing up with hand and dog  
sleighs, all of them making good time.  
Each man hauls from 250 to 300 pounds,  
and the dogs about 200 pounds each.  
Those fellows haul up 10 miles and then  
go back for another load."

"On the road between here and the  
mouth of the river single horses can  
haul 1,500 pounds each. There are  
hundreds of dogs brought up here that  
are of no use whatever. About the  
only ones of any use are the huskies,  
which are worth from \$30 to \$50 each.  
Some dogs sold for \$30 down the coast  
are given away for nothing up here.  
All goats have proved a complete failure."

"The Wildman party, one of the best  
equipped on the river, has sold or  
killed all their goats and are trying to  
get the Tappers to take on their outfit.  
Two ferry boats are now running be-  
tween the mouth of the river and  
Wrangel, making daily trips. Hun-  
dreds of tons of goods are being put off  
at Cottonwood island, and provisions  
are scattered every 100 yards or so from  
the mouth of the river up."

Writing on March 7th, the same pros-  
pective miner says: "We saw Customs  
Collector Turner who passed up yester-  
day with the police, who are encamped  
at 20-Mile Point. We made a move of  
seven miles today, which will put us  
about 25 miles up the river."

"We may have to stop here for three  
or four days, waiting for more road to  
be broken, as it is impossible for us to  
do anything in that way ourselves.  
The companies have about 50 men  
ahead, breaking and brushing the road  
and are only able to do about two miles  
a day."

"The company (the Tupper company)  
would never try to get up on the ice  
only that they expect that the river  
will be better 25 miles further up. The  
weather is keeping very soft, no frost  
for nearly a week, and today two teams  
went through the ice into the river."

[Soon after the foregoing was written  
a cold snap put the trail in fine con-  
dition, in which it has since remained.—  
Ed. JOURNAL.]

"It is all guess work whether the  
river will break up from now on or  
good for six weeks. Old timers say  
that it is liable to open at any time.  
Since the soft weather set in dogs are  
in great demand, as the horses cannot  
get on without a road and there is al-  
ways a good dog trail open."

"I write this more than anything  
else to tell you that if any of you  
friends are coming up here do not ad-  
vise them to take horses by any means  
as it is not at all safe, for any day  
may find a party waiting on the bank for  
boat, and dogs can go on up the river  
once. Each man coming up should  
have three dogs for not more than 70  
pounds load that will include clothe  
blankets and dogs' feed, which is on  
meal and tallow. He should have  
16-inch hand sleigh, seven or eight fel-  
long. Camping places can be had eve-  
five or ten miles. We will keep o

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This place is entitled to have a session of the district court held here, and we would like to hear that the district judicial department will do its duty in the premises.

It was pleasing to hear Governor Brady say last Sunday, on the occasion of his visit here, "that the class of people now coming into Alaska is one of the very best for the building of a great commonwealth."

Some of the patriotic citizens of Wrangel are taking steps to organize a soldier company "for the war." There are a lot of the old boys here who wear Grand Army buttons, who could teach the younger men how to fight.

Good order prevails in this place, and criminal offenses are of the milder kind, and are far less in number and more mild in character than would naturally be expected in a frontier town, where all kinds of humanity, good, bad, and indifferent, are so suddenly thrown together.

One has only to take a walk down Front street to note the new and important improvements that are being daily made. This place is growing fast, but none too fast to accommodate the number of argonauts who will be passing through in the next three months, bound for the rich gold fields of the interior.

No. 19, of the quarterly, "Northern Light," a neat four-column folio newspaper, edited by Rev. Dr. C. Thwing, was printed in the job department of the JOURNAL office this week. Through the courtesy of its editor we are permitted to reproduce some items in regard to the Indians and religious work in Alaska.

The enterprise of the people of this place was shown at the townsite meeting the other night. Technicalities were brushed aside, and a committee was appointed to proceed at once to get the approval of the property owners of Front street for the survey of that thoroughfare. Its improvement will soon follow, and there will be one street of which the town will be proud.

Good reports continue to come down the river of the fine condition of the trail. At this date few people are left on Cottonwood island at the mouth of the river, as nearly everyone has left and gone up the river. Elsewhere we print a letter just received by an Indian runner from Telegraph Creek, giving the best reliable information from that section.

Mr. Theo. R. Needham, proprietor of the JOURNAL, left on the Islander last Saturday for Astoria, on his way to Mishawaka, Indiana, to visit his mother, whom he has not seen for several years. He will visit Chicago, incidentally boom Wrangel on the Stikeen river route, for which work he is well qualified only naturally but also by a residence in Alaska. He will return the last of this month.

# LIES ABOUT WRANGEL.

The town of Wrangel has been, within the past two weeks, most infamously slandered by such newspapers as the Post-Intelligencer of Seattle, the Times of Victoria, and the Examiner of San Francisco. The lies daily published by these papers are naturally irritating the good people of Wrangel. It is the better policy to not get angry about them, but to devise some means how truth may overcome error.

A moment's consideration might be given to the motives which prompt their publication. In the case of the Seattle sheet, as it is undoubtedly with the Examiner, and probably that of the Times, it is love of sensation, the most harmful phase of American journalism, and to which such sheets as the Examiner notoriously subordinate all principles of veracity and honor. With the Post-Intelligencer, however, it is largely a matter of what has been vulgarly but aptly and truthfully called "kid journalism." That is to say, the parsimonious managers of that sheet instead of employing capable and well-trained newspaper men at good salaries, get a lot of school boys, who have barely learned to write a sentence grammatically, on ten and thirteen-dollar-a-week salaries.

One of the first rules of journalism is that a reporter must verify his facts, and another is that he must write his facts without comment. These rules are seldom if ever observed on the Seattle sheet; in fact, an ordinary reader would correctly surmise that they are unknown to the ignorant who edits its news columns.

A great many people who go back to the states from Alaska are big jokers, and they take delight in lying to a green reporter, who, without stopping to consider the improbability of the story, or to verify his alleged facts, writes them up in the most sensational manner. This is the case in nine-tenths of the Alaska tales published by the Seattle sheet, notably its one of the "Hungry Hell of Dawson," which led the government to expend \$200,000 on a relief expedition, and which was promptly recalled when the facts were verified.

Mr. George Piper, the manager of the Post-Intelligencer, informed his correspondent in Wrangel that only the facts are wanted by him. The people of Wrangel are of the same mind. Why, then, does not Mr. Piper publish what everybody here knows to be the grossest of falsehoods? His private instructions to his correspondent and his printed words are two different things. All the people of Wrangel want is a fair deal. The truth is good enough, and they are not afraid of the truth.

One motive, of course, of the Seattle paper is that low-born policy to build its city on the ruins of another, but why the Victoria Times should repeat the stale falsehoods of its contemporaries, when every interest of Victoria requires the up-building of Wrangel, we cannot understand, unless its editor is prompted by some private pique.

The injury done to Wrangel will be only temporary, for the truth will eventually become known. We would suggest that the chamber of commerce take official action in regard to this matter, and that our citizens individually by letters and otherwise make the truth known. Meanwhile the JOURNAL may be relied upon to do its best to counteract the evil work.

The JOURNAL from week to week publishes the exact truth about events in and about Wrangel. It is a good policy to send as many copies abroad as possible.

A repetition of these offenses may call for some severe action on the part of the people of this place in self-defense, but we hope there will be no further occasion for reference to this matter.

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" 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 4	" 5	" 6	" 9
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" 6	" 10	" 13	" 16	" 16	" 18	" 22	" 27
" 11	" 15	" 18	" 21	" 21	" 23	" 27	Feb. 1
" 16	" 20	" 23	" 26	" 26	" 28	Feb. 1	" 6
" 21	" 25	" 28	" 31	" 31	Feb. 2	" 6	" 11
" 26	" 30	Feb. 3	Feb. 6	Feb. 6	" 8	" 11	" 16
" 31	Feb. 4	" 7	Feb. 10	Feb. 10	" 12	" 16	" 21

These dates are approximate. The right is reserved to change, without previous notice, steamers' sailing dates and hours of sailing.

ROBERT REID, Agent, Fort Wrangel, Alaska.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

No. 24 air tight heater for sale at this office.

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Nightwatchman Mitchell detected two men attempting to rob McKinnon's store Monday night, and scared them off.

M. Manson, agent for Robert Dunsmuir & Sons, arrived on the barque Richard III, with 1,600 tons of Wellington coal from Nanaimo for this place. Mr. Manson will open a coal yard here.

The ship George Schofield left San Francisco March 24th for Wrangel with 20 fishermen for the cannery at Labourers bay, and is expected to arrive here the 14th instant. Captain E. Farr, of the Navarro, will command the cannery steamer Errolloff.

The steamer Al Ki on her arrival here Thursday morning got her propeller tangled up in a hawser from one of the ships lying at anchor, and had to lay over a day on the beach, while a gang of men were occupied cutting away the rope. The propeller was not injured, and she sailed north yesterday.

When the Cottage City left Reid & Sylvester's wharf last Sunday evening, instead of backing out, she suddenly shot ahead on an eight-mile gait straight for McKinnon's wharf, brushing aside a little schooner, and running up to the wharf by Spratt's Ark. The engine was reversed, and a tow line held all right, but it was a narrow escape. The steamer then backed out and got away all right.

Last Monday the steamer Utopia came into port with the crew and shaft of the steamer Hermosa on board, taking them back to Seattle. The Utopia found the Hermosa in the Wrangel narrows. The Hermosa had been to Skagway and was on her way back, when the shaft broke in the narrows. An old fracture was found in the shaft. A tug boat will probably be sent from Seattle to take her down. The Hermosa belongs to the Hanning brothers, of San Pedro, Cal., and for many years was engaged in passenger traffic between San Pedro and Avalon on Catalina Island. This was her first trip on the Alaska run. She went up with a good cargo and passenger list, but had none on her return.

## PERS NAL

George Rice, of Juneau, came down on the Queen.

Matthew Bridges and wife, of San Francisco, arrived on the Navarro, and will reside here.

Dr. Henry Hermann, of New Orleans, arrived here on the Navarro, and intends to establish a hospital.

"Stikeen Billy," alias William Maginnis, left today for Telegraph Creek, and will return in two weeks.

Hon. John G. Brady, governor of Alaska, was a passenger on the Cottage City last Sunday, bound for Washington, D. C., where he is going to look after the interest of this district in the Carter bill which is now before congress.

Homes K. Freeman, the "tramp printer," who came here last January alone in a Columbia river fishing boat from Blaine, Wash., worked two months in the JOURNAL office, acquired a fortune, and left a month ago up the river, was seen by "Stikeen Billy" at the Iskut river two weeks ago scotting along in fine shape.

## COURT NOTES.

Judge Jackson disposed of the following business the past week:

Bill Jones, fined \$200 for gambling. S. Richards, who lost \$200 at Bill Jones' game, was arrested on complaint of Jones on a charge of gambling, tried by a jury, and acquitted.

John Erickson, a coal shoveler on the Oregon, was arrested on a charge of smuggling liquor ashore, convicted, and sentenced to imprisonment for 30 days.

John C. Clinton was fined \$25 for smuggling four cases of whisky ashore from a steamer.

Ed. Baker was bound over to wait the action of the grand jury on a charge of breaking down a fence, and was acquitted.

On Friday Judge Jackson fined sixteen John Does \$20 each for gambling.

## THE STIKEEN RIVER TRAIL

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.)

horses for a while longer and if we see that we can get along without them we will leave them behind. As the coldest weather is over for this winter do not have him (another member of the party) get any mackinaw clothes, as they are no good and catch and hold all the rain and snow that falls within 10 feet of you. Ordinary wool clothes and overalls are the best on the trail, and, as for dogs, good strong, medium-sized ones are the best."

The presence of four ships and several steamers in our harbor this week give it a decidedly commercial appearance.

## A TOWNSITE MEETING.

Important Steps Taken About Surveying Front Street.

On Tuesday night, in response to a call from D. McKinnon, chairman of the townsite committee, there was a large meeting of the property owners in Wrangel at the court house.

Messrs. Brown and Davidson, the civil engineers, had a large map of the townsite, taken from their recently-made field notes, spread out conveniently on a table for general inspection. Considerable time was taken by these gentlemen in answering many questions put to them by interested persons in reference to lines of certain streets, etc.

Mr. McKinnon called the meeting to order, and gave a general statement of the object of the assemblage, which was to take such action as would enable the surveyors to go on and complete their work, and finish the survey of the town, so the principal streets could be defined, and people could know the lines of their lots. Mr. Brown, the engineer, then explained in reference to the map, that in the case of Front street he had followed existing lines as nearly as possible, and that the lines of the proposed back streets are more in the nature of suggestions, and that undoubtedly many of them would have to be changed when the streets should be run. He said it is impossible to go on with the work of surveying until the property owners on Front street had agreed on the lines of the street. His corps of surveyors is large and expensive, and he is anxious to finish the work. He had agreed with the townsite committee to do the surveying of the town for five dollars per lot, the money to be put up in the hands of Robert Reid, and paid out as the survey was made.

Captain Callbreath said some people did not understand the nature of the meeting, and if it were adjourned two days, and everybody notified, they could have a chance to be present, and there would be no chance to kick. He saw no Indians present.

Mr. Brown said he had scattered hand bills, giving 30 hours' previous notice of the meeting, all over town.

Mr. Jensen said that they had tried three times to get a meeting, and that this was the best attended of any, that few Indians had any property interests on Front street, that Front street is in a deplorable condition, and that now is as good a time to begin as any.

Captain Callbreath moved to adjourn till Thursday night, and the motion prevailed.

After the adjournment, the suggestion was made that a committee be appointed to canvass the property owners on Front street and get their written acceptance of the lines as given on the Brown-Davidson map. The meeting was accordingly re-organized, and Mr. McKinnon appointed, by the authority of the meeting, Messrs. P. C. Jensen, F. S. Willson, and B. A. Stephens as such committee, whereupon the meeting adjourned.

An adjourned meeting was held Thursday night with D. McKinnon in the chair. The report of the committee on Front street, to the effect that the property owners had agreed to the survey, was received, filed, adopted, and the committee discharged, and the surveyors were directed to proceed with their work.

Captain J. F. Callbreath, F. E. Cagle, and B. O'Brien were appointed a committee to secure the consent of the property owners on Second street to a survey of the same, and the meeting adjourned to next Thursday night.

## SHIPPING NEWS

Following is the list of arrivals and departures of steamers for the Port of Wrangel for the past week:

Saturday, March 26.—George W. Elder, from Portland, Oregon, sailed south; Islander, from north, sailed for Victoria.

Sunday, March 27.—Danube, from south, sailed north; Thistle, from Victoria, sailed north; Cottage City, from north, sailed south.

Monday, March 28.—Navarro, from Seattle, sailed north; Teos, from Victoria, sailed north; Utopia, from north, sailed south; Alliance, from Seattle.

Tuesday, March 29.—Alliance sailed for Copper river; Del Norte, from Seattle, sailed north; Queen, from north; Oregon, from Portland.

Wednesday, March 30.—Queen, sailed south; Oregon, sailed north; Danube, from north, sailed for Victoria; Centennial, from Victoria, sailed north; bark Colorado in tow Pioneer from Seattle; barkentine Glenora, in tow of Columbia, from Seattle.

Thursday, March 31.—Al Ki from Seattle, with mail; ship Yosemite in tow of Wallowa, from Seattle; bark Richard III, in tow of Torne from Nanaimo; Pioneer, sailed north, towing lumber scow; Coquitlam, from Victoria; Farallon, from Seattle, sailed north.

Friday, April 1.—South Coast, from Seattle, sailed north; Coquitlam, sailed south; Navarro, from Dyea, sailed for Seattle; George W. Elder, from Dyea, sailed for Portland; Discovery, from Seattle, sailed north; Del Norte, from north, sailed south; Ning Chow, from Victoria; Teos, from north.

## LIES NAILED.

The Monumental Prevaricator of the Pacific Coast.

The San Francisco Examiner of March 12 had a telegram from Vancouver giving an alleged interview with Capt. Newcomb, of the steamer Coquitlam, which contains a great number of downright lies to the square inch. They are:

1. 5,000 miners are camped at Wrangel.
2. They are enduring "all manner of hardships."
3. An epidemic of pneumonia has broken out.
4. 2,000 men are camped on Stikeen island.
5. Snow is 15 to 20 feet deep on the Stikeen.
6. 1,200 employees of the contractors, Mackenzie, Mann & Co., were unable to leave Stikeen island.
7. The river is open for 40 miles.
8. Hundreds are suffering from frost bites.
9. "Those who are able have unpacked their outfits, and are waiting for a steamer to go to Skagway."
10. "Many men at Wrangel are destitute."
11. "Three very serious stabbing affrays in a saloon at Wrangel."
12. "Red Ink Whisky" is distilled in Wrangel by a French-Canadian, which makes men fight whether they want to or not."

Upon the arrival in Wrangel of the Examiner containing the article there was more or less excitement, and Captain Newcomb was severely condemned by many.

Every allegation of the article is totally false and untrue. The Examiner owes an apology to Wrangel for publishing such an infamous and scandalous article. The facts are:

1. There are not, nor have there been, 5,000 miners camped in Wrangel. There have not been, probably, over 1,000 at any one time, "prospective" miners are meant.
2. Those here endure hardships of no kind whatever, let alone "all manner" of hardships.
3. There is not, nor has there been an epidemic of pneumonia, nor of any other disease here.
4. 1,200 men were the greatest number camped at any one time on Stikeen island. They are now on the trail going up the river, and on to Lake Teslin.
5. Snow was, probably, 15 or 20 feet deep in places the last winter on the Stikeen river, but at no time has the trail been impassable. Men have gone up and come down the river all the winter.
6. Mackenzie, Mann & Co. have been sending men for the past six weeks up the river in small detachments, probably 200 would be the total so far. The latest reports were that the advance guard had long ago reached Glenora, and was pushing on to Lake Teslin. There are very few people on the island now; they are all on the trail.
7. The Stikeen river has been closed for navigation all winter, and has not been open, nor has any part of it been open. At this date the ice is four feet thick at the mouth of the river.
8. There have been about six cases of frost bite on the river, and these came of gross carelessness in exposures. People have gone up and come down the river all winter in ordinary clothing.
9. The number who have come here from Skagway will probably offset the number who have gone from here to that point.
10. There are no destitute men here in evidence, nor have there been.
11. There has been no stabbing affray in Wrangel.
12. If there is a French-Canadian here making whisky out of red ink or anything else, the U. S. officials would like to see the color of his hair.

This article of the Examiner is similar to many that are appearing regularly in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and the Victoria Times. We have singled out this one, and answered it point by point, as it contained in one condensed statement about all the lies that the Examiner, Post-Intelligencer, and Times are industriously repeating in one form and another from day to day.

Upon the arrival of the steamer Coquitlam here on Thursday Captain Newcomb furnished the following written statement:

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Telegraphic Address: "UNION" Vancouver. PHONE NO. 94. A. B. C. Code Used.

WRANGEL, 31st March, 1898.

I have read an article in the San Francisco Examiner of the 12th instant, purporting to publish an interview with me in regard to Wrangel. No such interview ever took place, and I never said the things which I was made to say in such alleged interview, and the whole article is a fabrication as far as Wrangel and myself are concerned.

H. NEWCOMB.

Master S. S. "Coquitlam."

Further comment is needless. The San Francisco Examiner stands convicted of being the monumental liar of the Pacific coast.

## ABOUT FORT WRANGEL

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.)

Individuals increased the income for the year by \$79.50, making \$105 in all. This fund was expended as follows: Interpreter, \$54; wood and oil, \$10; carpenter work and materials, \$15; S. S. supplies and hymn books, \$13; all other expenses, \$12; in all \$104, thus leaving a balance for the new year of \$1.

For the first three months of 1898, the collections (being taken now twice every Sabbath) have amounted to \$87.20, and \$6 in donations make the total \$93.20. The expenses thus far have been for interpreter, \$14.50; for hymn books, \$13.50; for wood and oil, \$16.50; for General Assembly and Presbyterian assessment, \$10.70; for sexton and other items, \$8; making a total of \$63.20.

Arrangements have been made for the organization of a Second Presbyterian Church in Fort Wrangel, to be consummated on Easter Sunday, April 10th. The first Presbyterian church in Alaska was that organized in August, 1879, at Fort Wrangel, and has always been composed principally of natives (Thlinkets). The new church is more for the whites, who are now coming in larger numbers than ever before to reside here. At the beginning, although Presbyterian in name and fellowship, it will be a kind of union church in regard to membership, as the Methodists, Congregationalists, Baptists, and several other denominations will be represented among the initial members.

An unexpected visit from Rev. Dr. Sheldon, Jackson, a few days ago gave us great pleasure. C. T.

## OH! I DON'T KNOW

That's what some of 'em say when we tell them Fort Wrangel will be a city inside of a few years. But you (at least some of you) do know that you could have bought lots in the old burying ground in San Francisco for \$50. The City Hall stands on those lots today. You could have bought lots in Seattle for \$50 that you cannot buy now for \$50,000.

And what in the wide world is the matter with Fort Wrangel today? Are you aware that over 20,000 people are booked over the Stikeen river route this summer? This does not take into account the immense traffic coming this way that has not been booked yet. And every mother's son and daughter of 'em have to stop at Wrangel. The man or woman who will not take a chance on Fort Wrangel real estate NOW deserves to work hard for a living.

Have you paused to consider that the travel will strike Wrangel at both ends—going in and coming OUT? For people are not going all around the world to come home—when Fort Wrangel's the nearest way there.

Has any little bird told you of new and rich quartz discoveries that have recently been made in the immediate vicinity of Fort Wrangel? And there's going to be a whole lot more of them found when the crowd gets to hunting for 'em. And its no impossibility that placer diggings will be brought to light near to us here.

Old experienced miners tell us that this immediate territory has been merely glanced over—never prospected—to speak of.

You've seen those fellows with the long hammers—"knockers"—we believe they call 'em—who sneeringly smile when we tell them that Fort Wrangel has already a car line surveyed which will be in operation in the very near future. Well, you'll find that breed of "smart alecks" the world over—fellows so blinded smart they can't see beyond their own nose.

They'll tell you they could have bought the whole water front of Fort Wrangel a year ago for \$1,000, where one lot now costs \$5,000, but—well, they didn't do it. You travel on those wise guy's say-so and you'll have to rustle for grub your life long.

Do you know that a man arrived in Fort Wrangel Thursday with a cablegram stating that the money for the new water works at Wrangel would be in Seattle March 27th.

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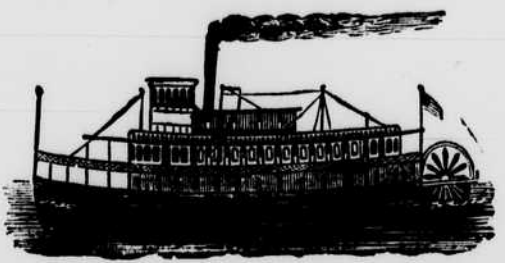
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The expedition, which will be accompanied by eighty teams of horses, sleighs, and three trains of dogs, will be in charge of Hon. Edgar Dewdney, ex-Minister of the Interior of Canada and ex-Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and will be accompanied by Mr. Caldwell Ashworth, of London, a Director of the Corporation.

The expedition will proceed to Fort Wrangel on its own X 100 A 1 screw ocean steamer "Amur," or by some other suitable vessel, leaving Victoria about the 15th of February.

At Wrangel it is proposed to transfer to the Stikeen River and continue the journey on the ice via the Stikeen River and the villages of Glenora and Telegraph Creek, thence by snow road to Teslin Lake.

At Teslin Lake boats and scows will be built to convey the party and their outfits to Dawson City as soon as the Hootalinqua opens; that is, the expedition will follow the ice down that fine navigable stream, thereby avoiding the dangerous White Horse rapids and arrive at Dawson City at the earliest possible date thereafter in the spring.

The plan of the Corporation is to provide shelter and good substantial food for the parties accompanying the Expedition from the day they leave Victoria until they reach the destination. While waiting at Teslin Lake for the ice to break up they will have the opportunity of prospecting the very promising ground in that vicinity. The price of the ticket covers transportation, food, shelter and the free carriage of 400 pounds of baggage.

Early in January an advance party with horses was sent up the Stikeen River to build shelters with stoves for cooking and warmth and establish supply depots.

After the Coast Range on the Stikeen River has been passed the Expedition will go through a country where the snow fall is generally light and along the greater portion of which a white population has been living for some years.

The Corporation will establish trading posts at Teslin Lake, Dawson City and other Yukon points and will furnish supplies to purchasers at reasonable prices.

The price of a ticket covering the accommodations above mentioned is \$500, one-half of which must be paid into the Bank of Montreal at Victoria at the time of signing the contract for transportation, the balance to be paid before the sailing of the steamer from Victoria.

As the number of persons by this route will be limited, application should be made at once, and to secure a ticket, each applicant must, with his application forward a Post Office order for \$20.00 payable to the Bank of Montreal at Victoria.

The Corporation reserves the right to select members of the Expedition and will return all payments made to unsuccessful applicants.

## Special Rates on Excess Baggage.

The provisions included in the 400 pounds of personal baggage can be purchased from the Corporation before leaving Victoria.

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## AMONG THE INDIAN TRIBES

Of Southeastern Alaska on Their Island Homes.

SOME VERY CURIOUS CUSTOMS

Building Better Houses Fencing Graves Funerals and "Potlatches."

Port Wrangel Northern Light, April, 1898.

BY REV. ALVIN C. AUSTIN.

In a letter from Rev. S. Hall Young, Wooster, Ohio, he said in regard to the beginning of mission work at Hoonah: "I am heartily glad you are going to the Hoonah mission. I am much interested in it from the fact that I first visited that tribe, exploring the ground in 1879 and 1880, and reporting to the Board, who soon established the mission. Young natives, trained in the mission at Wrangel, labored there, and Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, who were our teachers, went to Hoonah."

Mr. Young spoke in his letter, of Mr. McFarland being the "first permanent missionary" sent to Hoonah, but failed to mention the fact that one missionary, Rev. Walter B. Stiles, who remained here one year, and a teacher, Chapman, preceded Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, who were not sent until September 18th, 1884. Governor Brady writes: "I want to see the Hoonahs and talk to them. I visited them nineteen years ago."

First, a few words in regard to the location and surrounding country, for Hoonah is only the headquarters of the Hoonah tribe, and not the place where they live the greater part of the time. Hoonah is situated on the northeast part of Chichagoff Island, on an arm from Icy Straits, known as Port Frederick, which extends into the Island about twelve miles. Chichagoff Island is about eighty by one hundred miles in extent and is all very rough and mountainous.

Hoonah village is only two miles from the entrance to Port Frederick, on the south side of the mountains, so that it is sheltered from the north winds by a mountain and is completely hidden from view when entering Port Frederick. The harbor is a very good one but it is very deep and large steamers have difficulty entering. The village consists of about thirty houses, including the new government school building, the mission church and the mission house. One of the old-fashioned Indian houses has just been torn down and the new one is now going to "build a new house." The old one was quite a curiosity because of its very peculiar structure. There was scarcely a nail in the whole structure. The timbers and boards were all hewn out with an ax or adze and then they were mortised together in a good deal of furniture is put together. The roof was nearly flat and made by laying boards across about the same as the old-fashioned "shakes" were put on.

Twenty years of contact with the white man has led them to give up their old homes, if not their old customs and superstitions. We have none of the totemic, so common at Wrangel and other Alaskan villages, but great attention is paid on having the fronts of the houses decorated with paintings of different figures and designs, supposed to have peculiar significance. If one could only secure a competent interpreter to explain. In one thick, white house is quite profusely decorated, claims to have paid a fabulous amount to the artist, who was, of course an Indian. Another house has carved, two bears about "life size," standing on their hind legs, facing each other and evidently prepared for battle. Still another has simply some "traces."

In front of the village, and only about stone's throw from it, lies a small island which is called "Pitt Island" on the chart, but is more familiarly known as "Grave Yard Island." This is the cemetery of the whole tribe of the Hoonahs, and is one of the most picturesque in Alaska. As the natives until quite recently buried their dead instead of burying them, nothing very ancient may be expected.

The custom of burial has, apparently, come very popular with them, but there are a number of things noticeable which they have not copied from those whom they strive most to imitate, "The Boston Man." They object, very evidently, to burying their dead soon after death, especially if the deceased one who has been a chief or prominent person in the tribe. The friends of one man who died since I came here, tried to keep the remains in the house for ONE YEAR, but I finally succeeded in getting him housed on the island at the end of a week. They very soon bury them until about a year after death, and when they do, they put a tent over the grave. The most common method is to build a very small house and place the coffin in it, such time as they think proper to be in the ground. The one INDISCREET thing is a fence around the grave. No man has performed his duty to the departed relative, this matter has been attended to, young man who was living with a woman whom I urged him to marry, he could not marry until he had

built a fence around his father's grave.

The number of different articles that are buried with the dead would seem amusing to one not used to their ways. Here is the inventory of stock buried with the remains of Charley McNause: One Winchester rifle, one Winchester repeating shotgun, about ten blankets, a pitcher of water, a pail of berries and other food, one good large clock, wound and running, and one twenty-five dollar music box which was grinding out the cheerful notes of some tune very similar to the "Arkansas Traveler," during the last of the funeral service.

If a man dies the friends of the deceased will bury him and then proceed to rob the widow of all she has. If a woman dies the manner of procedure is the same only it is the friends of the woman who have their inning. Then there are almost always a few who mourn very noticeably at the funeral, apparently "for revenue only," for immediately after the funeral comes the feast and "potlatch." Here the friends get the pay for their valuable services and the mourners for their valuable tears. A man known as "Big John," whose wife died soon after giving birth to a child, was held accountable for her death on the plea that if he had not married her she would not have died. They robbed him of everything he had and then tried to force him to take another woman, a relative, whom he did not want. These are the customs that stick. "Love of money is the root of all evil."

From Jackson. Rev. M. D. McClelland writes: "Amid many discouragements there are some things to encourage us here. Since we came here six people have united with the church. Our church services are fairly well attended. Some of the members living at Kiknap and Kasan have returned home. We are very hopeful for the future, although the transition state through which this people is now passing is a critical one."

From Juneau. Rev. L. E. Jones, writes: "Two new scholars have been admitted to our home, making now twenty-one in all—11 boys and 10 girls. All are well and doing nicely."

From Hoonah. Mrs. M. J. McFarland writes: "Our people were later than usual coming home last fall, owing to the gold excitement. Our school opened in the new government school building, which includes the teacher's home. We find our quarters very comfortable, and the school room will compare very favorably with any in a city. I long for compulsory education in Alaska as the parents do not feel the importance of having their children attend regularly, and during the holidays there is so much feasting and dancing that one's ingenuity is greatly taxed to make the school attractive enough to draw them in. This year we did not receive any Christmas gifts. I began to realize that I was a government teacher and that "Uncle Sam" did not furnish anything in this line. But it was hard for the children to understand the situation. In January, one of our tribes, the Duwamish, went over to Kiknap to get blankets for the accidental shooting of a Hoonah boy by a Kiknap Indian. There was paid to them over 500 blankets [the Thlinket medium of exchange and unit of value, \$1]. Our meetings have been well attended this winter. I have conducted eighteen services and three funerals in absence of Mr. Austin, who made several trips to Juneau. At several prayer meetings lately, I had over 50 present. This was rather a surprise to me as so many of our people were away."

For Wrangel Y. M. C. A. The officers of the Young Men's Christian Association, Fort Wrangel, for 1898, are: President, Mr. Loyd Young; Vice-President, Clarence Thwing, M. D.; Secretary, Wm. Hamilton Porter; Treasurer, George Shakes, a native chief. The above, with Tom Gannesty, one of the native elders of the Presbyterian church, constitute the Board of Managers. A dozen men have already subscribed five dollars each as a sustaining membership for the current year. The regular fee is \$2 a year. During 1897 over \$80 was received, and \$60 expended by the association for the benefit of young men.

"Papa, what is a century rider?" "A very able liar in most instances, my son."

Mrs. Reader: What are the dead languages, my dear? Mr. Reader: Oh, they are probably the ones women have talked to death.

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